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PROBABLE IRANIAN REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS CAMP
ZABADANI YOUTH CAMP, SYRIA (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: A PROBABLE IRANIAN REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS CAMP HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED. (SWN)
2. REMARKS: ANALYSIS OF IMAGERY [] IN CONJUNCTION WITH A RECENT COLLATERAL REPORT HAS SUGGESTED THAT IRANIAN REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS HAVE OCCUPIED THE FORMER ZABADANI YOUTH CAMP, 4 NM SOUTHWEST OF ZABADANI AND 13.5 NM NORTHWEST OF DAMASCUS. THE OCCUPATION OF THIS CAMP BY REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS WAS RECENTLY REPORTED BY THE U.S. DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE DAMASCUS. (SWN)

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ONE REVETTED, PROBABLY OCCUPIED ANTIAIRCRAFT POSITION WAS IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE CAMP, AND A SECOND, PROBABLY UNOCCUPIED ANTIAIRCRAFT POSITION WAS ON TOP OF A BUILDING IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE FACILITY. SIX LARGE AND TWO SMALL BUSES, AT LEAST SEVEN UTILITY TRUCKS, AND SEVERAL SEDANS WERE ALSO PRESENT. IN ADDITION, NUMEROUS PERSONNEL WERE IN THE VICINITY OF THE SIX LARGE BUSES THAT MAY HAVE RECENTLY ARRIVED AND MAY HAVE EITHER BEEN LOADING OR UNLOADING PASSENGERS. ALTHOUGH A HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED WITHIN THE CAMP, IT APPEARED TO BE UNORGANIZED AND NOT RELATED TO MILITARY TRAINING. (SWN)

ANALYST'S COMMENT: USDAO DAMASCUS REPORTED THAT THE CAMP HOUSED 300 IRANIANS. THE LOCATION OF THE CAMP, NEAR DAMASCUS AND ONLY 5 NM EAST OF THE SYRIAN-LEBANON BORDER, PROVIDES A CENTRALIZED LOCATION FROM WHICH THE IRANIANS COULD SUPPORT TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN LEBANON. THE CAMP IS ALSO 11 NM SOUTH OF JANTA SUSPECT TERRORIST CAMP [] IN LEBANON AND HAS GOOD ROAD ACCESS TO BOTH IT AND THE BALABAKK AREA. (SWN)

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THIS CAMP IS DIVIDED INTO TWO AREAS. THE MAIN AREA IS WALL- AND FENCE-SECURED AND CONTAINS AT LEAST EIGHT ADMINISTRATION/CLASSROOM BUILDINGS, SEVEN LARGE SHOP/MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS, APPROXIMATELY 25 SUPPORT BUILDINGS, AND APPROXIMATELY 250 SQUAD-SIZED TENTS.

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RECREATION FACILITIES INCLUDE ONE SWIMMING POOL, TWO BASKETBALL COURTS, ONE AMPHITHEATER, AND ONE ADJACENT PARK. THE SECOND AREA IS ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE MAIN CAMP. IT HAS A GATE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE BUT IS NOT FENCE SECURED. THE AREA CONTAINS 152 SQUAD-SIZED TENTS, ONE LARGE BUILDING, ONE MEDIUM-SIZED BUILDING AND TWO SMALL SUPPORT BUILDINGS. THIS AREA ALSO CONTAINS A SMALL SUPPORT AREA ON THE WEST SIDE CONSISTING OF TWO BUILDINGS AND 21 SHEDS. A SMALL TRAINING AREA IS ADJACENT TO THE WEST SIDE OF THE CAMP. (SWN)

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3. _____ COORDINATES 33-40-40N 036-03-15E (S)

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4. COLLATERAL REFERENCE: USDAO DAMASCUS, IIR 6 891 0003 83, 0409447Z JAN 84, IRANIANS IN SYRIA (U), CONFIDENTIAL

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